

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An airbag module, comprising:
a reaction housing comprising a plurality of mounting projections, a reaction surface, and at least one Z-height control tab; and
a cover comprising a skirt with a plurality of windows corresponding to the mounting projections, the mounting projections engaging the windows to define a Z-height and the Z-height control tab engaging a top edge of the skirt to substantially maintain the defined Z-height, wherein the Z-height control tab is aligned generally parallel to a plane extending across the reaction surface.

Claim 2 (original): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the reaction housing is made of stamped metal.

Claim 3 (original): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the Z-height control tab engages the skirt at an angle sufficient to prevent substantial Z-height movement.

Claim 4 (original): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the Z-height control tab engages the skirt generally perpendicularly to the skirt.

Claims 5-6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The airbag module in claim 5 wherein the Z-height control tab is aligned from about 5° to about a 15° angle to the plane extending across the surface of the reaction plate.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the Z-height control tab is capable of buckling.

Claim 9 (original): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the Z-height control tab engages the skirt in a net fit.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the Z-height control tab engages the skirt in an interference fit.

Claim 11 (previously amended): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the Z-height control tab is integrally formed in the reaction housing.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the skirt has a top edge and the Z-height control tab engages a notch in the top edge.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the Z-height control tab engage at least one window in the skirt.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the window is a recess in the skirt.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the reaction housing comprising the Z-height control tab has a perimeter edge and the Z-height control tab projects outward from the perimeter edge to engage the skirt.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The airbag module in claim 15 wherein the mounting projections extend further from the perimeter edge than the Z-height control tab.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The airbag module in claim 1 wherein the reaction housing has a shoulder and the Z-height control tab is formed from stamping out a section of the shoulder.

Claim 18 (currently amended): An airbag module comprising:
a cover having a front panel and a skirt, the skirt having a plurality of windows; and
a reaction housing having a reaction surface and a plurality of integrally formed mounting projections, the mounting projections engaging the windows to define a storage volume, the housing further comprising at least one integrally formed Z-height control tab engaging the cover, wherein the Z-height control tab is aligned generally parallel to a plane extending across the reaction surface, the reaction housing and the cover engaging along a line perpendicular to the plane.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the Z-height control tab engages the skirt to maintain a defined Z-height .

Claim 20 (original): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the reaction housing is made of stamped-metal.

Claim 21 (original): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the Z-height control tab engages the skirt at an angle sufficient to prevent significant Z-height movement.

Claim 22 (original): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the Z-height control tab engages the skirt at a generally perpendicular engagement.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the Z-height control tab is capable of buckling.

Claim 24 (original): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the Z-height control tab engages the skirt in a net fit.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the Z-height control tab engages the skirt in an interference fit.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the skirt has a top edge and the Z-height control tab engages a notch in the top edge.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the Z-height control tab engages at least one window in the skirt.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the window is a recess in the skirt.

Claim 29 (original): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the reaction housing has a perimeter edge and wherein the Z-height control tab projects outward from the perimeter edge to engage the cover.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The airbag module in claim 30 wherein the mounting projections extend further from the perimeter edge of the reaction housing than the Z-height control tab.

Claim 31 (original): The airbag module in claim 18 wherein the reaction housing has a shoulder and the tab is formed from stamping out a section of the shoulder.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A airbag reaction housing comprising:
a cover having a skirt and a front panel with a plurality of windows; and
a metal-stamped reaction housing having a reaction surface and a plurality of integrally formed mounting projections, the mounting projections engaging the windows to substantially maintain a Z-height in a tensile direction, the reaction housing further comprising at least one integrally formed Z-height control tab engaging a top edge of the skirt ~~the cover~~ to substantially maintain the Z-height in a compressive direction, wherein the Z-height control tab is aligned generally parallel to a plane extending across the reaction surface, the reaction housing and the cover engaging along a line perpendicular to the plane.